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First Named Inventor: WAGNER ET AL. Original Patent No.: 6,234,541 B1  
Original Patent Filing Date: JANUARY 11, 1999 Original Patent Issue Date: MAY 22, 2001  
Assignee of Original Patent: DONALDSON COMPANY, INC.  
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REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an application for reissue of U.S. Utility Patent No. 6,234,541 B1 entitled "U-BOLT CLAMP FOR SEALING LAP JOINTS", issued on May 22, 2001, which is assigned to Donaldson Company, Inc. This application is a broadening reissue application filed by the following inventor(s):

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Enclosed are the following:

1. ☒ Copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,234,541 B1 including the entire specification, the 31 claims, and the 24 figures.
2. ☒ Submission of Formal Drawings, 12 sheets of drawings.
3. ☒ New claims 32-46 have been added by preliminary amendment.
4. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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			TOTAL FILING FEE:	\$1,554.00

5. ☒ Preliminary Amendment adding new claims 32-46 including statement of status/support for claims. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the issued patent.)

6. ☒ We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120/365 of any United States and PCT international application listed below:

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7. ☒ Reissue Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.175 (unsigned).
8. ☒ Written Consent of Assignee and Offer to Surrender Under 37 C.F.R. §1.178 (unsigned).
9. ☒ Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) (unsigned) and copy of Assignment.
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 citing all prior art from parent applications.
11. ☒ Power of Attorney (unsigned).
12. ☒ Payment of fees:  
☒ **PAYMENT OF THE FILING FEE IS BEING DEFERRED.**
13. ☒ Communication Re: Reissue Application and Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.175.
14. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of David G. Schmaltz** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
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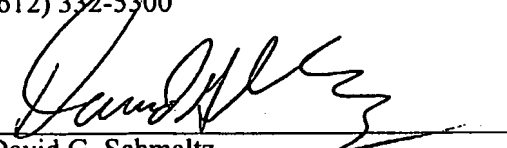
Dear Sir:

Enclosed are clean copies of each drawing sheet present in U.S. Patent No. 6,234,541 B1.  
The drawings do not have any changes relative to the patent being reissued.

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COMMUNICATION RE: REISSUE APPLICATION  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have filed herewith a broadening Reissue application. Applicants intend to present and seek broader claims than the issued claims of U.S. Patent 6,234,541 B1. A signed Reissue Declaration under 37 C.F. R. §1.175 will be filed at a later date.

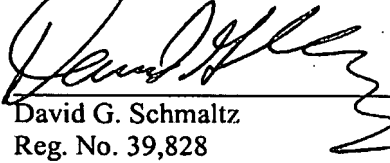
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